

January 5, 2018

Mr. Edward Hummel
Philadelphia Regional Office
Robert N.C. Nix Federal Building
900 Market Street, Room 602
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Dear Mr. Hummel:

Please accept this letter of general purpose acknowledging the Staten Island Economic Development Corporation's (SIEDC) submission of the U.S. Economic Development Administration's grant application for a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) of the borough of Staten Island.

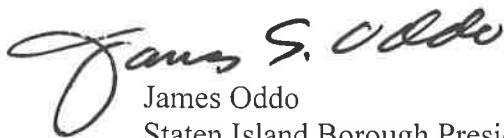
My office wholeheartedly supports this project and will cooperate with the organization when needed and appropriate.

The CEDS is an important study for the future of our borough. It will provide the following:

- A localized vision plan to address poor connectivity to local jobs for low income residents (especially those in our North Shore communities);
- A need for investment in resiliency efforts;
- Boroughwide Strengths/Weaknesses, Opportunities/Threats analysis of our overall infrastructure; and
- Strategy for regional connectivity and economic competitiveness.

I thank you for the opportunity to express my support for this application. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you should have any questions.

Very truly yours,



James Oddo
Staten Island Borough President

